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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER UPPADIT'S TRIP TO INDIA

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1. EMBOFFS MET WITH HEAD OF SOUTH ASIA DIVISION, POLITICAL  
DEPT., MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RTG JUNE 29, 1978 TO DISCUSS  
UPPADIT'S TRIP (JUNE 20-23) TO INDIA. MFA OFFICIAL OUTLINED  
THE AIMS OF UPPADIT'S VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

A) TO SIGN A BILATERAL TREATY WITH INDIA CONCERNING THE DELINEATION  
OF THE SEABED BOUNDARY BETWEEN INDIA AND THAILAND IN THE ANDAMAN  
SEA;

B) TO SIGN A TRILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH INDIA AND INDONESIA WHICH  
DEMARCATES THE TRIJUNCTION POINT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SEABED  
BOUNDARIES IN THE ANDAMAN SEA;

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C) TO SEEK EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND THAILAND;

D) TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST, INTERNATIONAL MATTERS,  
AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN INDIA AND THAILAND;

E) TO PURCHASE MURA BUFFALOES FROM INDIA FOR USE IN AGRICULTURE  
AND FOR BREEDING PURPOSES. AGREEMENTS ON A) AND B) WERE SIGNED

DURING THE VISIT (REFTEL).

2. FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT WAS REPORTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT THE TWO AGREEMENTS ON SEA BOUNDARIES IN THE ANDAMAN SEA WOULD PREVENT DISPUTES SHOULD NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS OIL AND NATURAL GAS BE DISCOVERED THERE (INDIAN EMBOFF, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, SAID THAT INDIA HAD ALREADY SIGNED A BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH BURMA DEMARCATING THE SEABED BOUNDARY LINE IN THE ANDAMAN SEA).

3. WHEN DIRECTLY QUESTIONED BY THE PRESS ON ISSUE ON HIS RETURN TO THAILAND, UPPADIT ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE RECENT ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IN LINE WITH INDIA'S OFFICIALLY STATED REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ASEAN. UPPADIT, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT ASEAN WAS STILL DRAWING UP GUIDELINES FOR DIALOGUES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND ANY DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE WITH THE INDIANS ON HIS VISIT HAD BEEN INFORMAL RPT INFORMAL.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD OF ASEAN MEMBERSHIP FOR INDIA, MFA OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT IT WAS TECHNICALLY CONCEIVABLE BUT NOT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE BECAUSE SUCH A DECISION MUST BE MADE BY ALL FIVE OF THE ASEAN MEMBER NATIONS AND NOT JUST BY ONE (I.E. - THAILAND). MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE FACTORS INHIBITING INDIAN MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE THE FACT THAT ASEAN WAS INTENDED TO BE A PURELY REGIONAL ORGANIZATION AND INDIA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS NOT A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION (MFA OFFICIAL ALSO EXPRESSED SOME SKEPTICISM ON POSSIBILITIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ASEAN BY BRUNEI AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT, IN HIS VIEW, WITHIN THE INTENDED SCOPE OF THE ASEAN REGION) AND THE FACT THAT THE ASEAN NATIONS HAVE NOT YET DETERMINED THEIR POLICY TOWARDS DEVELOPING NATIONS.

5. MFA OFFICIAL DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE TOPIC OF INDOCHINA HAD BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND THAILAND. IN ADDITION HE DID NOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP IN ASEAN.  
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